

Abstract

A cutting member for a shaving razor that includes an elongated metal blade and an elongated bent metal support that has an elongated platform portion, an elongated bent portion and an elongated base portion. The blade and platform portion of the blade support are sized to make them more compact at the same time that the platform portion is provided with a sufficiently flat area for reliably supporting the blade. The platform portion extends forward from the bent portion to a front end, and includes a weld area that is spaced from the front end and from the bent portion. The platform portion also includes a flat portion that includes and extends beyond the weld area. The elongated metal blade has a cutting edge at the front, a blade end at the rear, a tapered portion leading to the cutting edge and a uniform thickness portion extending from the blade end at the rear to the tapered portion. The uniform thickness portion of the blade is supported on the platform portion and welded to the platform portion at the weld area, and the tapered portion extends forward beyond the front end of the platform portion. The blade is less than 1mm in length from the cutting edge to the blade end. The platform portion of the blade support is less than 0.7 mm in length from the front end to the bent portion. The elongated bent metal support is made of metal that is between 0.004" and 0.009" thick .

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